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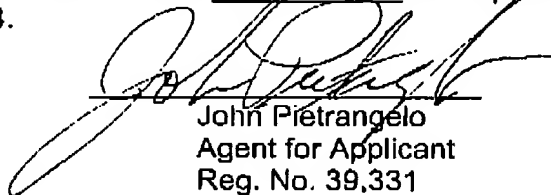
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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This Response to NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT is being submitted in  
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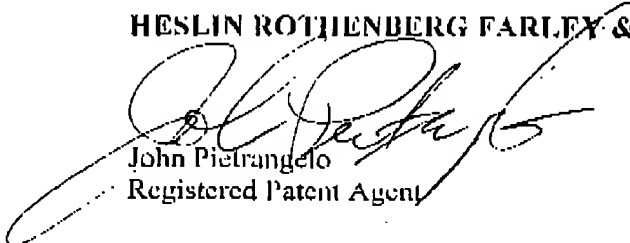
**Re:** Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
Title: Safety Device for Strip Dispensing Machine  
Serial No.: 09/966,028  
Our File No.: 1759.053

Dear Examiner Ross:

Enclosed please find a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the above-captioned case for your review.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Amendment Dated September 24, 2004

Reply to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment of Sept. 13, 2004

NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT is being filed on or before October 13, 2004, that is, within one month of the date of mailing of the Notice, this Response is being timely filed.

In compliance with the Notice, the Applicant herein submits an updated Amendment to the Claims submitted with the Response filed on June 22, 2004. The Applicant requests that the attached updated Amendment to Claims be considered with the rest of the Response filed on June 22, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.